



Dear Abby

Shines a light on elder abuse!

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June 15, 2013 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. On this day, communities all over the USA and the world will sponsor events to shed light on the growing and tragic issue of elder abuse. Your readers, young and old, should be aware that the U.S. Administration on Aging estimates that as many as *five million* seniors are abused or neglected each year in the United States. Elder abuse can be financial, physical, emotional, sexual and it also includes people who are neglected. Elders who are abused are twice as likely to be hospitalized, four times as likely to go into nursing homes and three times as likely to die. But elder abuse can be prevented – everyone should learn the warning signs and [report it](#) to Adult Protective Services or the police if they suspect it. For more information on [what readers can do](#) to join the fight against elder abuse, visit: www.ncea.aoa.gov and www.agelessalliance.org.

Thank you, Abby, for all you do to help keep our seniors safe!

Sincerely,

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